SHOWS, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THEM THIS YEAR????

There has been some talk about maybe not having all the shows this year since so many yard Hibiscus were frozen and killed in December. At this time the tenative date schedules are as follows:

August 18th	Halifax
August 25th	Mid-Florida
September 8th	Jacksonville
September 15th	Ridge
September 22nd	Putnam
September 29th	Golden Triangle
October 6th	Sunset
October 13th	DeLand

We have no dates set up for James E. Hendry and Indian River chapters. These two were normally early shows. If any chapters decide on a different date please let the Executive Secretary know so he can change his records.

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CULTURE

The following was taken from a catalog of Hibiscus Park in New South Wales, Australia. All one has to do is to substitute the correct months of our seasons to jibe with theirs and you have a good culture for the entire year. DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE MONTHS THO.

FORWARD

Hibiscus are aptly named the "Queen of Flowers" and after you have grown a few you too shall find great pleasure in arranging float bowls with these exotic blooms. To place a few around a room, on conspicuous places, picture railings, window sills etc. takes only a few minutes but you will find that the room will be brighter, gayer and exotic!

Before we give you the cultural notes about Hibiscus it may be an idea if you familarize yourself with the history of the plant. Hibiscus Rosa Sinensis is indigenous to the South Pacific, Chine, East Asia and the East Indies. Hibiscus is an old Greek name applied by Virgin to a Mallow-like plant to which the Hibiscus are related. Rosa Sinensis is a descriptive name meaning "Rose of China". The early Hibiscus were tall gangling plants with smallish blooms and leaves, they revelled in the tropics and bloomed most of the year round. Early navigators, explorers and botanists took them back to their countries and began hybridizing. One of the first crosses was Archerii, a cross between Rosa Sinensis and Schizopetalus. Since then Hibiscus have come a long way. The finer varieties appearing in the 'twenties' and most of these coming from Hawaii where a lot of self pollination and self sowing of the seeds derived took place. In the last 10 years however the "Queen of Flowers" has come into its own, a medium evergreen shrub which produces masses of blooms over almost six months of the year, and although the bloom only lasts a day another takes its place the next day.

Incidentally if you want the flowers to last